



San Joaquín River Parkway

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Board Meeting
December 7, 2022

at the
Madera County
Government Center



Welcome and “Meeting Administrative Issues”

Public comments will be accepted per the agenda. For Participants connected electronically, you will be muted until called upon by the Chair.

CALL TO ORDER
&
Pledge of Allegiance



MEETING AGENDA

The Agenda and Meeting Packet are available at:


<http://sjrc.ca.gov/Board/>



Field trip to the Small Fry Trail and tiled stairway

Public Comment Process

We hope that the Public is afforded as fair and open meeting as practical.

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MEETING AGENDA

B. Roll Call



Eaton Trail at Copper and Friant

C. Potential Conflicts of Interest



Eaton Trail Bridge over Old Friant

Any Board member who has a potential conflict of interest may identify the item and recuse themselves from discussion and voting on the matter. (FPPC §97105)

D. Public Comment & Business from the Floor

Ten minutes of the meeting are reserved for members of the public who wish to address the Conservancy Board on items of interest that are not on the agenda and are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Conservancy.

Speakers shall be limited to three minutes.

The Board is prohibited by law from taking any action on matters discussed that are not on the agenda; no adverse conclusions should be drawn if the Board does not respond to the public comment at this time.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

All items listed below will be approved in one motion unless removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion:

E-1 INFORMATION ITEM: Update on Wildwood security and janitorial

E-2 ACTION ITEM: Approve Board Meeting Calendar for 2023

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F. Regular Session Items

F-1 ACTION ITEM: Adopt Resolution 22-01 Expressing Appreciation Brett Frazier, Madera County Supervisor, for Service on the San Joaquin River Conservancy Board


Recommendation:

It is recommended the Board Resolution 22-01 Expressing Appreciation Brett Frazier, Madera County Supervisor, for Service on the San Joaquin River Conservancy Board

F-1 ACTION ITEM: Adopt Resolution 22-01

Expressing Appreciation Brett Frazier





SAN JOAQUIN
RIVER CONSERVANCY
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Resolution 22-01

Resolution of Appreciation
for the Honorable Brett Frazier

WHEREAS, Supervisor Brett Frazier has served the citizens of the County of Madera with distinction and highest level of professionalism for eight years, as a member of the County of Madera Board of Supervisors and the San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Frazier has led an innovative and progressive Conservancy Board that supports the creation of new parks, trails, and programs that serve the greater Fresno and Madera County communities, and is a key leader in developing policies that support the development and sustainability of the San Joaquin River Parkway; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Frazier has demonstrated a deep commitment to the protection and management of natural resources and to the pursuit of cooperative solutions in establishing the San Joaquin River Parkway, developing policies and implementing projects on behalf of the Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Frazier has demonstrated his dedication to the Conservancy's mission in participating in meetings, presentations, hearings, briefings and site visits; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the San Joaquin River Conservancy commends and thanks Brett Frazier for his cooperative spirit and dedication to the residents of the community in providing high quality parks and recreation services, and in particular for his efforts in support of the San Joaquin River Parkway.

IN SINCERE APPRECIATION this Resolution is unanimously passed this day of December 07, 2022, by the San Joaquin River Conservancy Board.

<p>_____ Bryn Forhan, Conservancy Chairperson Citizen Representative</p>	<p>_____ Kent Gresham, Sector Superintendent California Department of Parks & Recreation</p>
<p>_____ Steve Brandon County of Fresno Board of Supervisors</p>	<p>_____ Santos Garcia, Mayor, City of Madera</p>
<p>_____ Mike Karbassi, City of Fresno Councilmember</p>	<p>_____ Andrea Scharf, Deputy Assistant Secretary California Natural Resources Agency</p>
<p>_____ John Donnelly, Executive Director California Wildlife Conservation Board</p>	<p>_____ Jennifer Luchesi, Executive Officer State Lands Commission</p>
<p>_____ Carl Janzen, Director Madera Irrigation District</p>	<p>_____ Sally Lukenbill, Assistant Program Budget Manager, California Department of Finance</p>
<p>_____ Julie Vance, Regional Manager California Department of Fish & Wildlife</p>	<p>_____ Paul Gibson, Citizen Representative</p>

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Questions and Discussion:

1. Board
2. Public



King Gillette Ranch

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F. Call for Question

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Supervisor, for Service on the San Joaquin River
Conservancy Board

Recommendation:

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Conservancy Board

F. Regular Session Items

F-2 Action Item: Elect a Board Chair and Vice-Chair

RECOMMENDATION: nominate and elect a new chairperson, as provided for in the San Joaquin River Conservancy Act, and a vice-chairperson, each to serve a one-year term of office.

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F-2 ACTION ITEM: Elect a Board Chair and Vice-Chair

The process will be as follows, unless the Board decides otherwise:

1. Chair Forhan will accept nominations for the chairperson;
2. Upon being nominated, the Board member who has been nominated can accept or decline the nomination (the nomination does not require a Second);

F-2 ACTION ITEM: Elect a Board Chair and Vice-Chair (cont.)

3. When there are no more nominations, the Chair will ask for a **roll call vote after close of discussion among the Board members;**
4. The Clerk to the Board will call roll and **report the result to the Chair**
 1. The nominee that receives a **majority of the votes** will be selected as the chairperson for 2023.
 2. If none of the nominees receive a majority of the votes, the nominees with the highest and second highest number of votes will be included in a second roll call vote to determine the chairperson for 2023

F-2 ACTION ITEM: Elect a Board Chair and Vice-Chair (cont.)

5. This **same method** of nomination, acceptance, and roll call voting will be carried out for the **vice chairperson**.



F. Regular Session Items

F-3 INFORMATION ITEM: Update on Eaton Trail Extension, River West

RECOMMENDATION:

This report is provided for informational purposes. No action of the Board is recommended.

F-3 INFORMATION ITEM: Status and Progress Report on River West Fresno, Eaton Trail Extension Project

Project Task	Cost	SJRC Fund	Cost Share
Task 1: Project Management, Reporting, Subcontractor Bids and Management	\$67,700	\$67,700	\$0
Task 2: Engineering and Planning	\$1,963,200	\$1,963,200	\$0
Task 3: Permitting	\$1,029,000	\$1,029,000	\$0
Indirect Costs	\$103,800	\$44,931	\$58,869
Total Costs	\$3,163,700	\$3,104,831	\$58,869

F-3 INFORMATION ITEM: Status and Progress Report on River West Fresno, Eaton Trail Extension Project

Task	Start	Finish
SJRC Board Consideration	Sept 1, 2021	
WCB Consideration	Nov 18, 2021	
WCB CEQA NOE/NOD Filing, Prepare and Execute Grant	Nov 18, 2021	Jan 21, 2022
Hire Consultants: Prepare SOQ, Advertise, Selection, Approval at City Council, Contract	Jan 24, 2022	Sept 8, 2022
Plans, Specs, Estimate and Permitting	Sept 12, 2022	July 25, 2023
Bid Construction Package	Oct 11, 2023	Dec 12, 2023

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**Presentation from the City of Fresno Staff and
Introduction of the Engineering Firm**

Provost and Pritchard Consulting Group

F-3 INFORMATION ITEM: Update on Eaton Trail Extension, River West

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F. Regular Session Items

F-4 INFORMATION ITEM: Procedures for Establishing San Joaquin River Conservancy's Regulations

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- The San Joaquin River Conservancy Act authorizes the Conservancy to adopt regulations governing the use and management of San Joaquin River Parkway lands owned by the Conservancy. (PRC § 32527.).
- The Conservancy's Act was amended by Assembly Bill 1506, which provided the the authority to cite violators up to \$250. (PRC § 32527.5)
- In adopting regulations the Conservancy must follow the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (Cal Gov Code § 11340 et seq.)

F-4 INFORMATION ITEM: Procedures for Establishing Conservancy's Regulations

- Pursuant to Cal Gov Code § 11017.6, each state agency proposing to adopt regulations in 2023 must submit a rulemaking calendar to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL).
- OAL compiles all of the individual agency rulemaking calendars into one calendar for publication, distribution and posting on its website.

F-4 INFORMATION ITEM: Procedures for Establishing Conservancy's Regulations

Staff will implement the following process, which includes compliance with the APA:

1. Present a workshop for the Board to consider and provide specific direction regarding the draft regulations.
2. At least 60 days prior to the initial public hearing, secure Board review of the regulatory package, including
 - notices,
 - fiscal impact statement,
 - proposed text of regulations, and
 - initial statement of reasons for the regulations

F-4 INFORMATION ITEM: Procedures for Establishing Conservancy's Regulations

3. Publish Notice of Proposed Action (NOPA), in the California Notice Register
 - including:
 - deadlines for submitting comments
 - date of initial hearing
 - mail notices and supporting documents to interested parties and the CNRA Secretary, and
 - post them to our web site

F-4 INFORMATION ITEM: Procedures for Establishing Conservancy's Regulations

4. The Board will hold the initial public hearing at least 45 days after NOPA is published in the Notice Register,
 - with possible adoption of the regulations (including demonstration of CEQA compliance).
 - If the regulations are not adopted due to substantive comments, staff will
 - summarize and respond to comments,
 - revise the regulatory text as necessary, and
 - provide notice for an additional 15-day comment period.

F-4 INFORMATION ITEM: Procedures for Establishing Conservancy's Regulations

5. The refined final regulations will be presented to the Board for adoption.
6. Submit the package to the Office of Administrative Law.


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F. Regular Session Items

F-5 INFORMATION ITEM: Update on “Habitat Restoration Opportunities Analysis for the San Joaquin River Parkway, Ball Ranch and Willow Unit” Grant

Recommendation: This report is provided for informational purposes. No action of the Board is recommended.

F-5 INFORMATION ITEM: Update on Habitat Restoration Opportunities Ball Ranch and Willow Unit

- September of 2019, the Board approved
 - grant for \$375,690 in Proposition 1 funding
 - River Partners
 - habitat restoration analysis for Ball Ranch.
- Wildlife Conservation Board gave final approval at their November 21, 2019 meeting.

F-5 INFORMATION ITEM: Update on Habitat Restoration Opportunities Ball Ranch and Willow Unit

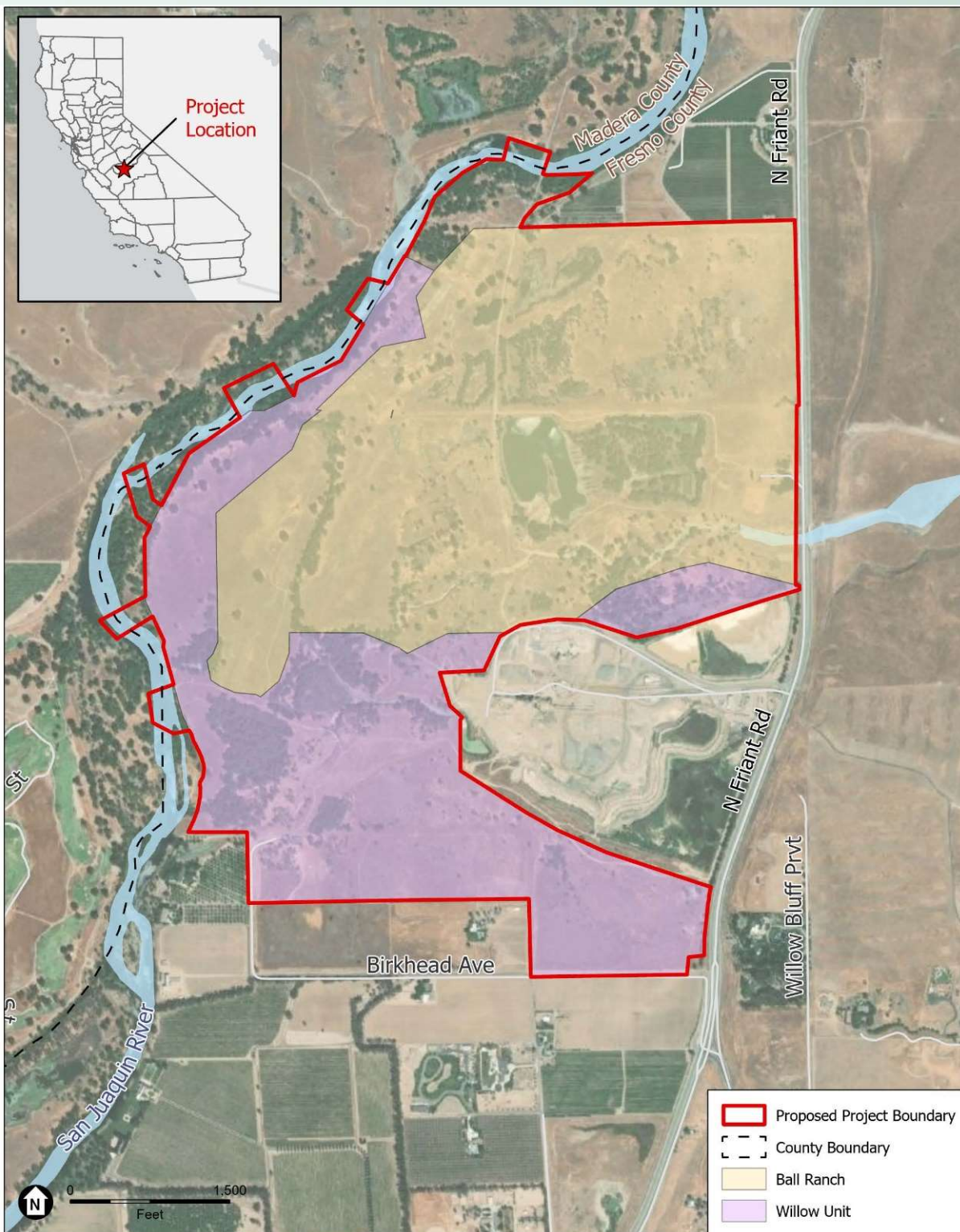
Comprised of three primary components including

1. Completion of CEQA environmental analysis for habitat restoration planning for Ball Ranch and the Willow Unit;
2. Site-specific restoration plan for a 78± acre site encompassing adjoining portions of Ball Ranch and the Willow Unit
 - Irrigation plan addressing restoration throughout the Property
 - Hydraulic analyses and Central Valley Flood Protection Board encroachment permit
3. Permitting strategy for restoration activities throughout the Property

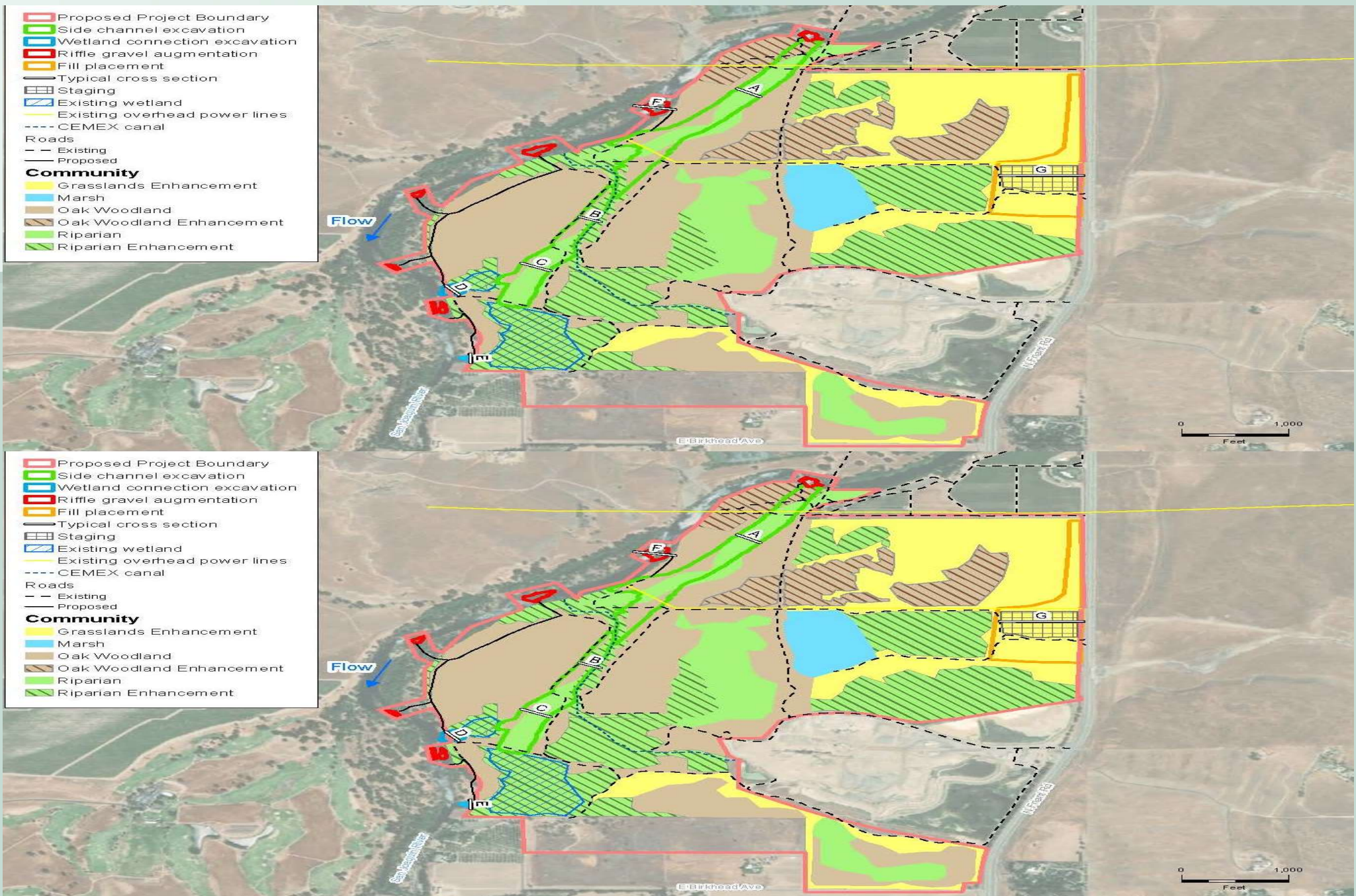
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Completion of CEQA

- Draft MND is nearly ready to release (end of week is pencils down)
- Review Period should be set as December 16 through January 16
- Public Workshop is going to be scheduled for January 10, 2023



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San Joaquin River at Ball Ranch

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G. ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

G-1 Organizations' Reports:

- **G-1a.** San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust
- **G-1b.** RiverTree Volunteers
- **G-1c.** Other Organizations (please contact the Conservancy if you wish to Report on your Organization – info@sjrc.ca.gov)

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G. Reports (cont)

G-2 Deputy Attorney General

G-3 - Executive Officer



Poppies at Camp Pashayan

G. Reports

G-4 Board Members



*Valley Oak –
Ledger Island*

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I. Next meeting:

- The next Board meeting will be held **February 1, 2023**, at 10:00 a.m. (if approved by the Board)

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E. CONSENT CALENDAR

E-2 Action Item: Approve Board Meeting Calendar for 2022

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Board approve the schedule for the San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board meetings reserved for the 2023 calendar year.

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- The Board has generally met on the mornings of the first Wednesday of each month, along with a couple of specially scheduled meetings.
- Board members were polled during November 2022 to discover which Wednesday was convenient to the majority. The majority of participants who responded to the poll indicated that the first Wednesday of the month was preferred.

E-2: Approve Board Meeting Calendar for 2023

Board Meetings

January- TBD Workshop

July- no meeting scheduled

February 1

August 2

March 1

September 6

April 5

October 4

May 3

November 1

June 7

December 6

- The start time will be 10:00 a.m. for meetings held January through December, unless otherwise specified.
- Meetings will be held in a hybrid fashion, allowing for both virtual and in-person participation.